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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000  
Reserve Fund.....\$3,900,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$7,500,000

Court of Directors.  
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING.  
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Interest Allowed—  
Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 5 per cent. "  
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LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts created on London, and the chief Commercial place in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 26, 1888. 363

N.O.T.I.C.E.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time with not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.  
3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.  
4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.  
5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
6.—Correspondence, as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.  
7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th June, 1888, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon; for the purpose of considering the State of the Company's Affairs, and if thought fit passing the joined Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association and under the provisions of the Companies' Ordinances 1865 to 1880.

Dated the first day of June, 1888.

By Order of the Board,  
SAM'L J. GOWER,  
Secretary.

SAILOR'S HOME.

Any Cast of Clothing, Books, or Pictures will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, June 6, 1888. 923

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, June 8, 1888. 932

MOORE'S GOGO SHAMPOO WASH.

THIS WASH HAS PROVED ITSELF TO BE THE BEST PREPARATION EVER PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC.

THE Basis of this compound is made of Gogo Root. The natives of the Philippine Islands never use anything else for washing their hair; you never seen them bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By using this SHAMPOO WASH as directed, you will never be bald. The Proprietor offers the Wash to the public, being entirely confident that its restorative properties it will surely arrest decaying hair, completely eradicate scurf, dandruff, and cure all diseases of the scalp; it does not contain any poisonous drugs, but, by its cooling properties allays the itching and fever of the scalp.

Mr. Moore has succeeded in being able to put this Wash up in bottles without allowing it to ferment, and he will guarantee to keep any length of time in any climate.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD., Under Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, May 17, 1888. 810

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

New and Accelerated Direct Service to LONDON VIA MARSEILLES

FROM JAPAN AND CHINA.

ON the 19th May, at Noon, and fourightly thereafter, until further Notice, the Company will maintain DIRECT SERVICE between HONGKONG and LONDON, VIA MARSEILLES.

This improved service will abolish all Transhipments, and it is intended that it shall maintain a high reputation for quick transit, careful delivery of cargo, and for passenger accommodation and cuisine.

The attention of passengers is specially called to the greatly improved Second-saloon accommodation and attendance.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 8, 1888. 754

NOTICE.

PUNJUM & SUNGHIE DUA, SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Under-mentioned FULLY PAID UP SHARE CERTIFICATES were DESTROYED BY FIRE at Foochow, on the 5th January, 1888:

Script 75/78, 40 Shares, Hon. C. CHATER, 2767/796.

" 1213, 50 " JEREMY MOIGUE DOS REMEDIOS, 2575/25800.

" 2698/26295 15 "

" 2819/28195 5 "

" 3512/35133 5 "

" 1265, 30 " RUTON'S CLOTHING VANS, 2837/29000.

" 1267, 15 " DOMINGO D'ARAUJO S. SIVA, 2552/25540.

" 1482, 50 " FRANCIS HENRY CAYE THOMAS, 2565/25675.

" 1923/19275 25 "

" 1626, 10 " ALFRED WILLIAM VANS, G. I. B., 3220/32274.

105 Shares.

And should the same not be produced before the 29th June, 1888 DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES will be ISSUED IN NAME of the above Parties, and no transaction taking place under the aforesaid ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES will be Recognized by this Company.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 22, 1888. 839

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Public are respectfully informed that the PEAK TRAMWAY was OPENED for PUBLIC TRAFFIC on WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

The CARS RUN as follows between St. JOHN'S PLACE and VICTORIA GAP:

8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 " 2 p.m. half hour.

4 " 8 p.m. quarter of an hour.

A past 12 to 1 past 4 every quarter of an hour, and from 4 to 8 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

UP.—Tickets may be obtained in the Cars. First-class, 30 CENTS; Second-class (intended for Soldiers, Sailors and Policemen only), 20 CENTS; Third-class (intended for Chinese only), 10 CENTS.

DOWN.—Tickets at HALF the above Rates.

GENTLEMEN are requested NOT TO SMOKE in the First-class Compartment.

Tickets for 30 trips up and 30 trips down, First-class, at \$12.00; and Tickets for six trips up and six trips down, at \$2.50; Five-Cent Coupons and REDUCED TICKETS for Servants in the other classes may be obtained at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGER.

DATED the first day of June, 1888.

By Order of the Board,  
SAML J. GOWER,  
Secretary.

SAILOR'S HOME.

Any Cast of Clothing, Books, or Pictures will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, June 6, 1888. 923

Business Notices.

JANE CRAWFORD & CO.

J U S T R E C E I V E D .

O U R N E W S T O C K O F

**STRAW HATS,**

FANCY PUGGAREES AND HAT BANDS.

L. C. & CO.'S FLEXIBLE FELT HATS,

WITH PATENT PERSPIRATION-PROOF BANDS.

—N E W S H A P E S —

T E R A I H A T S .

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, May 30, 1888. 878

Intimations.

N O T I C E

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1453

D E N T I S T R Y .

F I R S T C L A S S W O R K M A N S H I P .

M O D E R A T E F E E S .

M R. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist,

(Formerly APPRENTICE and LATENT ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

A T the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. Rogers.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

C O N S U L T A T I O N - F R E E .

D I S C O U N T S to Missionaries and families.

Sale Addressees.

2, DUDDELL STREET,  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 66

W H I S K Y .

—\$7 per Case of 1 doz.

G I B B . L I V I N G S T O N E & C O .

Hongkong, July 18, 1888. 1187

Auctions.

A U C T I O N S A L E O F H O R S E S .

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th of June proximo, there will be at HANOI (Tonkin), Lac Street, in front of the Paroda, a PUBLIC AUCTION SALE of FIFTY-FIVE HORSES of ARABIAN BREED.

H. L. VERLEYE,

Consul for France.

Hongkong, May 23, 1888. 851

F o r S a l e .

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## Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.  
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glencoe*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon to-day, the 6th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 6, 1888. 918

To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

LADY DES VŒUX will be AT HOME at Mountain Lodge on SATURDAYS, from 4 to 6.30 p.m. until further Notice.

Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 942

M. W. SR. JOHN H. HANCOCK, C.E., M.R.I.A., notifies that he has returned to Hongkong, to practice as CIVIL ENGINEER, ARCHITECT AND SURVEYOR.

Offices: No. 18, BANK BUILDINGS, Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 943

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWAN-FOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*, Captain HUNTER, will be dispatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 945

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.) The Co.'s Steamship *General Werder*, Captain W. von SCHUCKMANN, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 14th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 947

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Sachsen*, Captain A. JAEGER, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 948

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship *Nestor*, Capt. THOMPSON, will be dispatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 940

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TO BUREAU AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco and Yokohama on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

The Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, the Atlantic and Island Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and Venezuela, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Frist-class Passes granted as follows:

To San Francisco ..... \$200.00

To San Francisco and return ..... \$350.00

To Liverpool ..... \$25.00

To London ..... \$30.00

Other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers who have paid full fare, reembarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, O. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 941

## To-day's Advertisements.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS, ALEX, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Carts can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON THURSDAY, the 6th day of July, 1888, at noon, the Company's Steamship *SACHSEN*, Capt. A. JAEGER, with MALES: PASSENGER-S, SPECIE, and GARGO, will leave that port as above, calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th July, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENT'S Office). Contests and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Hongkong, June 9, 1888. 946

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALEXANDER LEATH, British ship, Captain Jas. W. Dunham, Carlowitz & Co.

MALMÖMEN, Austr.-Hung. str., Captain Malm. — Oberbrach.

RUVV, British ship, Capt. E. E. Robbins, Messageries Maritimes.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Juno, 1888.

Pha Quoc, French steamer, 183, Espeiss, Haiphong and Hoitow June 7, Figs.

Yung Chin, Chinese steamer, '761, Lin-chou, Shanghai June 5, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

Junior, American cruiser, from Whampoa.

Kwang Kap, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Thales, British steamer, 820, W. Y. Hunter, Taiwanfu in Amoy, and Swatow June 8, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

## DEPARTURES.

June 9—

Alcibi, for Hoitow and Pakhoi.  
Velox, for Whampoa.  
Canton, for Swatow and Shanghai.  
Peking, for Shanghai.  
Ellens, for Yokohama.  
Tribal, for Singapore and London.  
Whampoa, for Swatow.  
Hoyang, for Shanghai.  
City of New York, for San Francisco.  
Juniper, American cruiser, for Foochow.  
Yangtse, for Whampoa.

## CLEARED.

Frei, for Haiphong.  
Haiphong, for Coast Ports.  
Northern, for Singapore and Marseilles.  
New City, for Saigon.  
Victoria, for Nagasaki.  
Stamore, for Keelung.

## PASSENGERS.

Arrived:  
Per Yung Chin, from Shanghai, Mr. Chas. Denner, General Agent Wash Norton's *World of Wonders*, and 30 Chinese.

Per Thales, from Coast Ports, Captain Schulte, Mr. Doas, 3 Europeans, and 12 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Europa, for Manila, Messrs. Buisson, Bouyoux, Mr. and Mrs. Spruyt, baby and servant, 2 Indians, and 3 Chinese.  
Per Alcibi, for Hoitow, 10 Chinese, and 110 Chinese.

Per Captain, for Swatow, 50 Chinese.  
Per City of New York, for Yokohama, Major-General Bedford, Messrs. J. Hunt, Frank Upton, Dr. L. Lishard, Mr. Mow, Kam Ting and native servant, 1 European, 1 Chinese, and 1 Japanese; for San Francisco, Mrs. We Dai and child, Mr. Li, Wanshun, Mr. and Mrs. Kin Tam, and 700 Chinese.

Per Peking, for Shanghai, 45 Chinese.  
Per Thales, for Singapore, 12 Europeans, and 30 Chinese.

Per Whampoa, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.  
Per Hoyang, for Shanghai, 10 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Frei, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.  
Per Haiphong, for Coast Ports, 1 European, and 150 Chinese.

Per Northern, for Singapore, 12 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Yung Chin* reports: Had moderate to strong Southerly winds, and heavy rain; with thunder and lightning throughout. Met Co.'s steamers *Fusion* and *Kuang Lee*.

The British steamer *Thales* reports: From Swatow to port, moderate S. W. winds, and heavy rain; with thunder and lightning throughout. Met Co.'s steamers *Fusion* and *Kuang Lee*.

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tioned to us being Th. 25,000, but we were also informed that it was well in credit and that the loss would fall, not on a local office, but on a German Insurance Company—*Courier*.

MR. O'DONNELL'S ACTION AGAINST THE "TIMES."—*Atlas* in the *World* says—

The *cruel* editor of the present sitting—Mr. F. H. O'Donnell's long-pending action for libel against the proprietors of the *Times* is down for hearing, on the special jury list of the Queen's Bench Division and will most probably come on for trial before either Mr. Justice Maitland or Baron Huddleston, in the course of next week. Mr. O'Donnell has lately been staying at Geneva, after spending the winter at Vienna, where it is said, he applied for police protection against the machinations of the Irish American dynamiter party, who are furiously enraged with the ex-member for Darlington for bringing about an exposure of their criminal proceedings by attempting to clear himself of the charged association with "Farnell and Crime." I understand that it is not unusual for the counsel for the *Times* to go to the Court to sanction the sending of a special committee to the United States, to collect evidence in support and substantiation of the *Times* statement; it which case the hearing may be postponed till after the long vacation.

## 'FRAGRANT WATERS.' MURMUR

That the public of Hongkong are so dissatisfied, so disappointed—I was almost writing so disgusted, but that some of my readers might think it vulgar, very—with the procedure adopted by the Government in regard to the Public Health Bill, that the raters are quite careless about the election of representatives to the Sanitary Board.

That this feeling of disappointment ought not to be allowed to interfere with the selection and election of two fit and proper persons to stand up for the rights of the raters.

That it is only too true that the direct "fact" given by the Colonial Office to this Colony has revived and embittered the feeling against the Home Government—a feeling which, born of high-handed proceedings connected with the Military Contribution, has since been kept alive by the story of the Forts and the missing Guan, the Loan Negotiations, and other anabs.

That it is no use sitting down with a sour face and saying that the election of representatives to the Board is all nonsense.

That we must face the situation, and go on, with the watchword of "Agitate, agitate, until by the use of every constitutional means in our power, we obtain a Municipal Council.

That the unfortunate bottling up of the Bill by the Executive here has rudely shaken the public confidence in the discretion of Governor Des Vaux.

That a very old resident remarked the other day, when discussing this subject, that deeds are better than words and speak louder, however smooth the words may be.

That amongst these resident raters spoken of for election on the Sanitary Board are—Dr. Mansfield, Dr. Cantlie, Mr. Ede, Mr. Francis, Mr. Leigh, Mr. McConachie, and Mr. Brodie.

That if any of these gentlemen are passed over because the raters think they will be Government nominees, and are subsequently left out in the cold, they will have to thank the Governor for keeping all the information to himself on that subject.

That they coze out here occasionally, and one Doctor and one mercantile man have been named as likely to be nominated by the Governor.

That a legal man and an architect appear to me to suit the prospective constitution of the Board, and ought to be returned by the raters.

That I have some difficulty in experiencing in obtaining the consent of competent Chinese residents to act on the Board, and this fact is not in the least surprising.

That the feeling of resentment evoked among Chinese here by the cavalier treatment of their huge portion by the autocrats of the Colonial Office will take a long time to cool down.

That this would not be a matter of material importance were it not that the Chinese were right in nine-tenths of their objections to the Bill.

That the announcement made, to the effect that the Victoria College would be opened at the end of the hot season, may not surprise those who are fairly well acquainted with the Public Works Department in Hongkong.

That honest Sir William Marsh will indulge in a knowing smile when he learns this fact.

That the poor boys pent up in the old tumble-down and badly-sited school, together with the tired masters who there will find the mythical forlorn, are very much to be pitied.

That it is to be hoped the School will be spared any epidemic this season.

That, speaking of epidemics, I hear that the Gau is more crowded than it has been for months, and can naturally become more anxious about crowded spaces than those that are not so.

That the diarrhetic trouble, usual to this season of the year, takes a form which look more epidemic than customary, and the warning furnished by the Singapore Press should not be thrown away upon the authorities here.

That the history of the cruise to Oliva in Torpedo Boat No. 35, if it ever written

at length, would provide materials for a nautical romance.

That the Naval authorities responsible for such criminal carelessness fully deserve to be interrogated before a Court-martial, if half which I hear be true.

That it is, of course, bad form for Naval men to write to the newspaper, but it may not be so to address, say Lord Charles Beresford.

That while mentioning Naval matters, it may be worth noting that the Hospital vessel *Misie* is a good example of how Government can spin out a job, and hope some hon. member will ask for the figures in Parliament.

That to judge by the Customs returns for Kowloon and Lappa (near Macao), the English and Portuguese Governments have given substantial help to China, and we have received what? Can anyone tell?

That a good deal of talk has been indulged in over the management of the China Sugar Refining Company, and, in the Postmaster General's words, say, in every other place excepting the Board Room of the Company.

That Mr. E. R. Bellfairs and a few other choice spirits seem determined to try a fall with the Princely House—which firm, by the way, has made the Company what it is—and if the malcontents are wise, they will rig a "corner" in feather beds before they begin work.

That great deals are seldom heralded by promises, and sometimes a deal of crying produces little wool.

That if Mr. B. and his following succeed in their object, and unship the present General Managers, the hopes of twelve-per-cent dividends for shareholders will disappear like Alice's cat in Wonderland, though the seals of commissions may be reduced.

That labourers are usually deemed worthy of their hire, but this is a matter which Hongkong stock-jobbers usually eliminate from their calculations and substitute therefor the formula "Can we bluff on the cards we hold?"

That I want to know where I can build a dust-box of the orthodox Government pattern, and whether the Government will send an Inspector or Secretary to superintend its construction.

That one of the serious problems which will soon devolve upon the Surveyor General and the new Sanitary Board is the drainage of the Hill district.

That I very much doubt whether the Public Works Department will do its part in this until the householders obtain an order from the Supreme Court compelling it to do so.

That the Police have once more deserted the Praya Central, and gamblers, street-hawkers and other obstructions again have it all their own way; and pale-carrying coolies are allowed to work diagonally on the road, to the positive danger of the eyes of pedestrians, rickshaws and their fares.

That our Harbour is once more at the mercy of a hostile fleet, only one corvette (*the Porpoise*) and some unarmed torpedo vessels being here, the crewless *Wyray* counting for nothing.

That the British lion is truly a daring animal, with unlimited confidence in the length of its spring.

That it must be very pleasing to learn, from an authority like Dr. Lever, that the dress (or uniform) of the proposed Corps of Lady Nurses is to be of a most "fetching" type.

## BROWNIE.

## METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.

The mean temperature for the month of May last was 79° above the average in Hongkong, although there were some cool days at the beginning and during the last week of the month. The highest temperature, 88° and 89° Fahr., was recorded on the 9th and 21st; the lowest, 69°, on the 4th, the mean temperature for the month being 80°. Rainfall was considerably above the average. Over 3 inches fell during a thunderstorm on the morning of the 1st, and from 3½ to 5 inches fell between 12 and 2 p.m. during a violent thunderstorm on the 19th, the heaviest rain being on the north side of the Island. Rain fell on as many as 24 days of the month, the total amounting to 19.20 inches, or 7½ inches above the average. The greatest atmospheric pressure, 30.03, occurred on the 11th, the least, 29.04, on the 10th, so that the absolute range was only 0.39. The mean atmospheric pressure for the month was 29.85 or 0.01 above the average. The month was generally very cloudy, warm and damp, and thunderstorms, more or less heavy, occurred on the 2nd, 3rd, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st and 22nd, but the weather from the 7th to the 10th was very fine, clear and dry.

DELPHON, Agent, &c.

## THE ENGLISH MAILS FOR EUROPE.

The following letter is published in the Shanghai papers:

General Post Office, London,

27th April, 1888.

Gentlemen.—The Postmaster General

has had under consideration the letter dated February 1888, signed by you and many other members of the mercantile community of Shanghai, pointing out that the departure of the British packet from Shanghai during the South West monsoon on Tuesdays, instead of on Saturdays—the date fixed during the remainder of the year—will interfere with the regularity of the intervals between the mails, inasmuch as the French packets alternating with the British packets will arrive on Saturday evenings.

In these circumstances Mr. Hailes desires me to express his regret that he is unable to sanction any such alteration as that suggested.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

H. Buxton Foxon,

For the Secretary,

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,

Shanghai.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## THE GARRISON ENTERTAINMENTS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, June 8th, 1888.

Sir,—I see in your paper notices of a course of lectures to be given for the benefit and edification of the soldiers, which have been arranged and organized by the Rev. Bryan—Wainwright, Acting Military Chaplain. Regarding these notices of the *Garrison Theatre*, where I am sure many a man, wishful to attend could hardly gain admittance, I therefore enclose us that these lectures, upon most interesting subjects, might be given in the City Hall Theatre, in this way, say the body of the *Theatre frots*, all soldiers, for the upper part of gallery, a small charge of 50 or 75 cents might be made, just to cover expenses for rent or hire of the theatre and gas. The City Hall Committee might charge a merely nominal sum, or out expense for gas consumed, which I think would be covered by the charge for horses upstairs.

Mr. Crow.—The impression seems to be abroad that defendant was summoned for not connecting his drains. He was not charged with not connecting his drains; he was charged with not complying with the regulations. Then he comes into Court and says—"I don't know what is required of me."

His Worship.—Noticer he does.

Mr. Crow.—It's written in this letter.

His Worship.—That letter only refers to the rules in general terms.

Mr. Crow.—It calls attention to two of them.

His Worship.—Yes, but it does not say in what respect he was not complying with these regulations; it merely calls his attention to them.

Mr. Crow.—What more does he want?

His Worship.—Well, I adjourned the case in order that you might tell him what was necessary to be done.

Mr. Crow.—After he has stated that he got no communication from me on this subject previous to being summoned—I shall not be satisfied with any mere verbal assurance from defendant. I submit that the letter I sent him was quite sufficient.

His Worship.—He never said, did he not get that letter. Is he willing now to comply with the regulations?

Mr. Crow.—I have received a letter from him in which he states that he will do so.

His Worship.—That was what I adjourned the case for, and as he is now willing to do what is required, I shall therefore dismiss the case.

Mr. Crow.—It is an enormous imposition of you, own about Mr. Foster having stated that he received no letter from you. It was perfectly understood that there was a letter to him as well as to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Crow.—If it was an enormous imposition I can only say I am not singular in that respect.

In these communications I simply draw their attention to the regulations and say that they are not complying with them.

His Worship.—But you don't say in what respect.

Mr. Crow.—The regulations themselves explain what is to be done.

His Worship.—No; they don't state what it is necessary to do, and I adjourned the case for a week in order that you might tell the defendants, and on the condition that they agreed to comply with the regulations the cases were to be dismissed.

Mr. Crow.—I have received a letter from Mr. Foster, as I said, stating that steps are to be taken to comply with the regulations, and now that your Worship has explained about my letter to Mr. Foster I have no objection to being summoned again.

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